

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2006, 2006 at 1:00 PM
and continuing Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 1:00 PM

(Approved 06-26-2006)

Item No. 1 **Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Louis H. Bruni	County Judge
Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Cindy Cortez-Brunner	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Absent	
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 19th of May 2006. Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

Item No. 2 **Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk**

Judge Bruni advised the court that Cmr. Garza had knee surgery and would be out for approximately two weeks.

Judge Bruni motioned to excuse Cmr. Garza from today's meeting. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 3 **Pledge of Allegiance – Led by All**

Item No. 4 **Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports**

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, presented her monthly report ending April 2006. She stated that the bank reconciliations are up to date and that she is estimating \$1.5 million in excess sales tax revenues by the end of the fiscal year. She requested that the court approve a Request for Payment that she has submitted for their review. She stated that this was for late charges incurred in 2002 for car payments for the Sheriff's Department for a total of \$769.52.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that a memo was sent to Mrs. Perales from Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, advising her that this item needed to be

approved by the Court before it could be processed for payment. He stated that this payment is consistent with the county's contract with Ford Motor Credit.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the Request for Payment to Ford Motor Credit in the amount of \$769.52. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 5 Communications

Cmr. Sciaraffa wished Cmr. Garza a speedy recovery.

Cmr. Gutierrez also wished Cmr. Garza a speedy recovery. She thanked everyone who participated in the Blood Drive held last week for two county employees. She stated that as per a memo submitted by Risk Management, this was the most successful and a record turnout for Webb County with a total of 42 employees donating blood.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner wished Cmr. Garza a speedy recovery. She also wished Best of Luck to the San Antonio Spurs in their game tonight.

Judge Bruni wished a speedy recovery to Cmr. Garza. He reminded everyone that tomorrow was Election Day for the County Judge Run-off Election. He asked everyone to compare both candidates before making their decision. He stated that he wants Webb County to continue progressing and would hate to see the new court come in and mess up many of the innovative projects in progress, such as the Rail District, 1st well aquifer, the hospital district and many others. He asked for the citizens to vote for the man who is best suited for the job. He stated that this was not a popularity contest but rather who would do the best for the residents of Webb County.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, requested that Item No. 56 be moved up. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 56 Proclamation designating May as "Elder Abuse Prevention Month" in Webb County, and any other matters incident thereto.

Judge Bruni motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Ms. Sonia Lara, Adult Protective Services Specialist, thanked the court for their continued support. She stated that their agency works hard to stop the abuse and exploitation of the elderly and disabled.

Item No. 6 Public Comment

Mr. Victor Gunoe was present to address the court. He invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day event to be held on Saturday, May 27th at 9:00 am at Memorial Middle School. He stated that retired Major General Alfred Venezuela, U.S. Army, would be the keynote speaker at this event.

Item No. 7 Discussion and possible action to approve a proposed Indigent Care Affiliation Agreement, to authorize the Webb county Judge to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mr. Bruinker, representing Doctor's Hospital, Laredo Medical Center and Providence Medical Center, was present to address this item. He stated that the concept of this agreement is to help the hospitals provide services. He stated that they will be able to draw down matching federal funds for hospital but that the way the Indigent Services Program operates. He stated that a preliminary resolution in support of this item was approved in March of 2005. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she was 100% for this project but that she was unclear as to what this would entail. She stated that she would have preferred to have some additional time to review the contract but was confident in Mr. Homero Ramirez's recommendation.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 8 Status report on City of Laredo's providing water to Los Botines, with discussion and possible action to direct staff to take measures as necessary to further the project, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, stated that a week and a half ago, Cmr. Cortez-Brunner and himself met with Mr. Larry Dovalina, City Manager, to discuss this issue. He stated that Mr. Dovalina requested copies of letters from the residents of Los Botines supporting this item. He stated that he is in the process of obtaining these letters and will send them ASAP. Judge Bruni advised Mr. Rodriguez to request that Mr. Dovalina expedite this project as a request by the County Judge. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she echoed Judge Bruni's concerns about the time that this item has taken due to the City's reluctance to expedite this and other county projects. She stated that she has met with Mr. Dovalina numerous times to discuss a possible land swap for property for the county morgue and nothing has come of it yet. Judge Bruni stated that it was unfair what the city was doing since the county has done everything possible to work with the city and expedite any requests that they have. Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, stated that Webb County started their colonia project one year after the City started theirs, yet the county has already completed theirs, except for one section in Rio Bravo and El Cenizo.

Item No. 9 Power point presentation on reduction of telecommunications charges and services offered by Tax Research & Recovery, Inc

Mr. Raul Casso, Chief of Staff, stated that the representative for this company was from North Carolina but was unable to come for this presentation. He stated that a Power Point presentation was submitted for the court to view.

Judge Bruni motioned to have staff meet with the representative of this company for additional information. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 10 Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order #1 for TCDP #725891 for the Tool Library located behind the Self-Help Center Building. There will be no monetary increase or decrease to the construction contractor contract. [This change will not impact the general fund.]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 11 Discussion and possible action to accept a donation in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00 from Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, 406 West Commerce, San Antonio, TX. 78207 for the Self Help Center; Fund 506-2100.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 12 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$16,849.00 to CG Construction to their contract for the Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center. This will not change the contract price of \$441,836.07 because funding will come from the Contingency funds of said contract.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 13 Discussion and possible action to approve the following 4 slot changes for personnel of the Webb County Sheriff's Department effective May 22, 2006. The salary increases are equal to the salary decreases and the amount of personnel costs budgeted for fiscal year 2005-2006 remain unchanged.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. J.J. Gonzalez, Sheriff Comptroller, stated that this item had been tabled at the last meeting.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 14 Discussion and possible action to approve a refund to Patterson Drilling Company LP in the amount of \$7,383.29. [Reason: Did not exist; rigs were not in Webb County as per cause #202-DVQ001062-D4 for 2002]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action on funding for Summer Youth Program.

Mr. Raul Casso, Chief of Staff, stated that he was unaware of this item and requested that the item be tabled so that they can request additional information.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to table Item No. 15. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action to enter into a three year (April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2009) lease agreement with Argus Security Systems for an alarm monitor located at the Floyd Head Start Center in the amount of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$2,160.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action to enter into a three year (April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2009) lease agreement with Argus Security Systems for an alarm monitor located at the Jesus Garcia Head Start Center (Module # 1, 2, 3) in the amount of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$2,160.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 18 Discussion and possible action to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Office Communications Systems, Inc. for one (1) Toshiba ES 452 Digital Copier for the Self Help Center for a one (1) year period (May 22, 2006 through May 21, 2007) with copy overages invoiced at \$0.0070 per print copy and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Self Help Center, Account No. 001-0105-6402 (Repairs and Maintenance)]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 19 Discussion and possible action to enter into a three year (May 8, 2006 through May 7, 2009) lease agreement with XEROX-CORPORATION for one WC123 Duplex/ADF 23-28STND 1) FINISHER to be located at 4801 Daugherty for a total amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$6,107.05) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by CAA]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to accept one (1) right of way, out of San Carlos Phase I Subdivision, 2 rights-of-way out of D-5 Acres Subdivision, one (1) right-of-way out of Laredo Ranchettes Subdivision, 2 rights-of-way out of Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision, 1 right-of-way out of Los Minerales Annex Subdivision and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 21 Discussion and possible action to enter into Third Party Funding Agreements as Follow:
Hotel Motel
LULAC Council #12 \$5,000.00
and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Judge Bruni inquired as to the process for these Third Party Funding agreements that are brought to the court halfway through the year. He stated that he would like to look into additional funding for STCADA. Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that he did not have the amount of funding currently allotted to STCADA but that he would get the information to Judge Bruni before the end of the meeting.

- Item No. 22 Discussion and possible action to enter into an equipment modification service contract with IBM at a cost not to exceed ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NIENTY DOLLARS (\$1,290.00), and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. IBM will be installing computer hardware on the IBM server at the Webb County Tax Assessors/ Collectors Office. [Requested by Webb County Tax Assessor/Collector Account No. 001-0700-6022]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 23 Discussion and possible action to enter into a four (4) year Interlocal Agreement with the Laredo Community College District (LCC) to provide for the collection of ad valorem taxes by the Webb County Tax Assessor/Collector, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by the Webb County Tax Assessor/Collector]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, requested that this item be tabled since he has some concerns with this item.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to table Item No. 23. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 24 Discussion and possible action submit a Solicitation for Offers (SFO) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to lease 2,050 sq. ft. from Webb County for a one year period, at a rate of \$10.39 per sq. ft per month being ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,775.00) per month (21,299.50 annual), to include five one year options, subject to rate negotiation, utilities, maintenance and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 25 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one year lease with U.S. Department of Agriculture to lease 2,050 sq. ft. from Webb County (Ag. Building) for a one year period, at a rate of \$10.39 per sq. ft. per month being ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,775.00) per month (\$21,299.50 annual), to include five one year options, subject to rate negotiation, utilities, maintenance, and Commissioners Court authorization to make minor improvements/renovations to the office space (not to exceed \$1,650.00 for the partial removal of an interior wall) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to set spending limit on budgetary expenditures to be made by incumbent county and precinct officers not re - nominated.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that this was required by state law. He stated that the court can set a spending limit amount or have all requests come before the court for approval. He recommended setting a limit of \$2,000.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to set a spending limit of \$2,000 for Item No. 26. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

MEDIA BREAK (2:26 PM to 2:53 PM)

Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to approve using the interest earned from Bond Series 2003 (Fund #657) as the payment source for the capital outlay purchases identified in the back up.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that the total of these purchases is \$338,800 which is the interest earned from Bond Series 2003.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 28 Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchasing Agent to solicit request for proposals for Independent Auditors.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Auditor to submit Webb County's Collection Program plan in accordance with SB 1863 as requested by the Office of Court Administration (OCA), and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 30 Presentation and action to accept the Audited Basic financial Statements of Webb County for the fiscal Year ended September 30, 2005 by accounting firm of Mejia & Co., Certified Public Accountants.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 31 Discussion and Possible action to approve the appointment of Al J. Chapa, CEO Doctors Hospital, as a Community Representative, for Category "C" for the Community Action Agency Advisory Board, to fill a current vacancy

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 32 Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1131 & slot # 2054, Driver, for the WCCAA Rural Transportation Department effective May 23, 2006, at a salary of \$8.57 per hour. Funds are to come from account# 980-4205-5001. No impact to the General Fund.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action to approve the release of retainer as recommended by the Webb County Engineer to CG Construction in the amount of \$2,926.20 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Twenty Cents) for the construction of the Webb County Self-Help Center Tool Library.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action on the development and submission of two project applications to FY 07-08 Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF) administered by the North American Development Bank (NADB) and the Project Development Assistance Program (PDAP) administered by the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) for the construction of a water distribution system and a wastewater collection and treatment system for the eligible colonias on Highway 59. Project applications due June 30, 2006

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 35 Discussion and Possible Action Granting a Temporary Construction Easement to the City of Laredo on a tract of land of 0.017 acres (4,640 sq. ft.), situated on Lot 5, Block 18 of the Western Division of the City of Laredo adjacent to Santa Ursula Avenue, south of Zaragoza Street and Authorizing the County Judge to execute the easement.

Judge Bruni motioned to table Item No. 35. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, stated that this was for the extension of Santa Ursula to the Old Customs Building by Villa Antigua. He stated that the city is asking for a temporary easement for this project. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, requested that this item be tabled.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 36 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the County Engineer to acquire twenty feet (20) of Right of Way from County School Lands adjacent to Las Pilas Road from Hwy 59 to the northern limit of the County School Lands in order to widen Las Pilas Road to fifty (50) feet and make it a County Road or to acquire twenty feet (20) of Right of Way from the adjacent property owner on the west side of Las Pilas Rd.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 37 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the implementation of a Policy Restricting Trucks with tanks larger than 500 gallons to load water at Webb County's Water Dispensers located at Las Lomas (Hwy

59), Self Help Center (Hwy 359) and at La Bota (Mines Rd.) and designating the Golf Course Water Dispenser for trucks loading more than 500 gallons.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 38 Discussion and Possible Action raising the fees on the County's Water Dispensers located at Las Lomas (Hwy 59), Self Help Center (Hwy 359), at La Bota (Mines Rd.) and on River Loop at the South Side Waste Water Treatment Plant from \$0.25 per 150 gallons to \$0.50 per 150 gallons.

Judge Bruni motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion for discussion.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, stated that he failed to include the Golf Court dispenser for the rate increase. He stated that this dispenser will be designated for commercial use.

Judge Bruni motioned to include the Golf Course dispenser for the rate increase. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present. (To include Golf Course dispenser)

Cmr. Gutierrez requested that an appropriate display of the rate increase be posted so that the residents can be aware of the changes. Mr. Rodriguez stated that they can post for thirty (30) days and make the rate change effective after the thirty days. He stated that there is currently no structure in place to prevent commercial trucks from accessing the water dispensers designated for residential use. He stated that he will bring the proposed structure to the court for approval prior to the installation.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent. (To approve item)

Item No. 39 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing to Amend the General Order for the Utilities Department to increase the salary of Slot # 1536 from \$9.38 to \$9.85 and to Authorize the Utilities Department to fill Slot # 1536, Assistant Cashier at the amended salary of \$9.85 per hour.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 40 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing to "Dedicate to the Public" Lot 55, Block 4, Larga Vista Subdivision for the purpose of extending Larga Vista Road to the north side of the Larga Vista Community

Center and Authorizing the County Judge to execute all documents pertaining to this dedication.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 41 Discussion and possible action to extend the length of employment for SLOT # 980 (Mentor Head Teacher) from 22 Pay Periods to 26 Pay Periods for FY 2005 - 2006.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 42 Discussion and possible action to approve the Head Start Refunding Application for Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 (September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007) for a Grand Total of \$9,674,663 (Federal Share = \$7,739,730 and In-Kind = \$1,934,933).

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 43 Discussion and possible action to issue "Certifications Regarding Compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (c)(1):

1. An unplatted 5.5266 acre tract of land, out of and part of Porcion 10, as further described in Vol. 1424, Pgs. 514-516 of the Webb County Deed Records (electricity – one dwelling only);
2. Lot 1, Block 10, Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision (electricity – one dwelling only).

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 44 Discussion and possible action to grant Preliminary and/or Final Plat Approval to the J & D Subdivision, contingent upon recommendation(s) of the Webb County Planning Advisory Board.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion for discussion.

Ms. Rhonda Tiffin, Planning Director, stated that on May 18, the Planning Advisory Board unanimously approved the Preliminary and Final Plat to J & D Subdivision. She

stated that the owner of this property is Ms. Elizabeth Perez. She stated that this is a 10 acre tract divided into three lots, one residential and two commercial.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 45 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase two (2) plat cabinets in the amount of \$7,740.00 from Scott-Merriman, Inc. for the County Clerks office

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 46 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing agent to obtain the services of Simplex Grinnell for the annual fire alarm inspection for the following sites in the amount of \$10,844.00 for the Building Maintenance Department:

Administration Building	Agriculture Building
Courthouse	Precinct 2, J.P. Ricardo Rangel
Precinct 4 J.P. Oscar Martinez	Justice Center

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 47 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing agent to solicit bids for concrete pads and surfacing tiles for the Head Start Program.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

- Item No. 48 Discussion and possible action to award the following bids:
Bid 2006-19 Removal and Demolition of Wastewater Treatment Plant in El Cenizo and Rio Bravo, Texas
Bid 2006-20 Three (3) 1200 sq. ft. mobile homes for Housing Rehab and Self Help Center
Bid 2006-21 thru 2006-24 Rehabilitation of Homes Self Help Center

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, requested that Bid 2006-19 be tabled.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to table Bid 2006-19. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Mr. Ramirez recommended Amistad Housing for Bid 2006-21 for a total of \$108,915.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to award Bid 2006-21 to Amistad Housing. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Mr. Ramirez recommended the following vendors:

2006-21	AA Builders
2006-22	AA Builders
2006-23	A-1 Construction
2006-24	I & I Building

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to award Bid 2006-21 thru 2006-24. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 49

Discussion and possible action to approve a line item transfer.

From:	Acct. 001-0600-6011	Training and Education	\$2,000.00
	Acct. 001-0600-6022	Professional Services	\$2,000.00
To:	Acct. 001-0600-6205	Materials and Supplies	\$4,000.00

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that these monies are needed to purchase commodities to finish out the year.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Ramirez advised the court that due to flooding caused by the May 14th storm, his office will need to close at 4:00 PM today so that a germicide can be applied to the office.

Item No. 50

Discussion and possible action for ratification of emergency action taken to hire contractor to restore and repair damages (to various departments) caused by severe rainstorm of May 14, 2006. Approval for expenses not to exceed \$40,000, this to include projected overtime as needed by County personnel [Funding source 001-0105-9201-May 06].

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, stated that he was approached by Ms. Cynthia Mares, Risk Manager, to select a contractor for damages due to the May 14th storm. He stated that the lowest quote submitted was from Aardvark Carpet Cleaning, Inc. for \$13,263.91 with the second bid received from Texas General Contractors for \$29,878.63. He requested ratification of the action taken in hiring Aardvark Carpet Cleaning, Inc. for a total of \$13,263.91.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to ratify the action taken by Mr. Villarreal and Ms. Mares in hiring Aardvark Carpet Cleaning, Inc. and approval for expenses not to exceed \$40,000. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 51 Discussion and possible action authorizing the Road and Bridge Department to hire a Road Inspector/Survey Technician at \$13.00 per hour, to assist the Road Construction and Paving Crews to manage the design and construction phases of the Texas Department of Transportation Border Colonias Access Program.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. José Luis Ramos, Road and Bridge Superintendent, stated that this slot would need to be created and the monies for this slot were available from the Colonia Access Grant. Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, stated that the hiring of an inspector would result in considerable savings for Webb County. He stated that other slots have been formulated during the year from grant monies. He stated that this would allow Webb County better control over the inspection process rather than hiring an outside company for this work. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the court would need to amend the budget when it receives special revenue funds. He stated that they would be able to make changes to the budget as long as the budget stays the same. Cmr. Sciaraffa stated that this position is needed to avoid a recurrence of what happened with the paving projects in Rio Bravo. Mr. Raul Casso, Chief of Staff, stated that this has been done before when allowed by the grant. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she would like to see a policy to address this issue.

Cmr. Gutierrez withdrew her second. Cmr. Sciaraffa withdrew his motion.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to defer Item No. 51. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 52 Discussion and possible action authorizing Dept. 7002, Road and Bridge Department to fill the following slots:

Slot 1901	Water Plant Supervisor with a "C" groundwater license
Slot 1896	Maintenance Aide
Slot 1995	Truck Driver
Slot 1994	Truck Driver

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move into Executive Session. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (3:28 PM to 4:11 PM)

Judge Bruni reconvened the meeting and stated that no action was taken while in Executive Session.

Item No. 53 Discussion and possible action to approve request by Denise Alvarado for retroactive re-instatement of health benefits under the County's "Cobra" plan, and for payment of medical expenses following cancellation of coverage for failure to timely pay premium, and any other matters incident thereto [Executive session is requested pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]. [Initiated by Webb County Judge Louis H. Bruni]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that this item be deferred to obtain additional information necessary to make a recommendation to the court.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to defer Item No. 53. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 54 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-000636-D2; Francisco Gonzalez, Jr. vs. Louis H. Bruni, County Judge of Webb County, Texas, Individually and in his Official Capacity; Frank Sciaraffa, as County Commissioner of Precinct 1 and Individually; Judith Gutierrez, as County Commissioner of Precinct 2 and Individually; Jerry Garza, as County Commissioner of Precinct 3 and Individually; Cindy Cortez-Brunner, as County Commissioner of Precinct 4 and Individually; and Webb County, Texas; In the 111th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas.[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that no action was necessary.

Item No. 55 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ- Jose Luis Rodriguez vs. County of Webb, Louis H. Bruni, in his Individual Capacity, Frank Sciaraffa, In his Individual Capacity, Jerry Garza, in his Individual Capacity, and Cindy Cortez Brunner, In her Individual Capacity; In the 111th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that no action was necessary.

Item No. 57 Adjournment

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.